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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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A DEVICE FOR JOINING PANELS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 21, 2008, said period of response being extended from June 21, 2008 to September 21, 2008 (extended to September 22, 2008 since September 21 falls on a Sunday).

Fees related to the submission of this paper are being charged to an authorized credit card in the amount of \$525 for a small entity.

Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in §§ 38 CFR 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required for entry of these papers or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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